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Olympic gold medallists, from left, Jennifer Jones, Kaitlyn Lawes, Jill Officer and Dawn McEwen show off the Outstanding Achievement Award medallions they received from Mayor Sam Katz at city hall on Thursday, alongside the medals they won at the Sochi Winter Games. Katz also received a framed 2014 Lucky Loonie from Tom Roche, senior director of Winnipeg manufacturing at the Royal Canadian Mint. Katz invited all Winnipeggers to check out the loonie, which will be on display at city hall. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

**Water-treatment
plant's price tag
jumps by \$70M**
'More uncertainty'

 City officials say the
 upgrades will take 10
 months longer than
 expected to complete

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 More stringent provincial
 requirements for a water-
 treatment facility in south
 Winnipeg mean the upgrades
 won't be done on time and a
 final price tag is completely
 unknown.

 City officials told mem-
 bers of the finance commit-
 tee on Thursday that the cost
 of the South End Water Pollu-
 tion Control Centre upgrades
 and expansion would in-
 crease to \$272,750,000 from
 \$203,250,000, but that might
 not be the final tally.

 Diane Sacher, the city's
 director of water and waste,
 said the current Class 4 esti-

 mates they have for the pro-
 ject are based on previous
 regulatory requirements.

 "Typically a Class 4 esti-
 mate means you know what
 you're designing to and an
 estimate is provided," said
 Sacher. "There's more un-
 certainty with this because
 the regulatory requirements
 have changed."

 Committee chair Coun.
 Russ Wyatt said this is why
 he'd like the public service
 to provide a report breaking
 down all costs associated with
 the different water-treatment
 projects and exactly how
 much each level of govern-
 ment is providing.

 "All of these costs, instead
 of being equally shared by
 each level of government,
 is going to be borne on the
 ratepayers of the City of Win-
 nipeg, which is inherently
 unfair," said Wyatt.

 According to city officials,
 the upgrades also won't be
 completed until Oct. 31,
 2016, 10 months later than
 expected.


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Pedestrians could one day cross iconic intersection

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Study shows 1,000 people would cross Portage and Main daily if opened



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After a heated back and forth between councillors on the city's infrastructure renewal and public works committee Thursday, the dream of one day seeing people crossing Winnipeg's most iconic intersection lived to see another day.

The committee unanimously agreed to accept a report from city's public service department into options for reopening Portage and Main to pedestrians.

But it took a lot of talking and rewording of her motion calling for further study and consultations for Coun. Jenny Gerbasi to convince Couns. Dan Vandal and Devi Sharma to vote with her.

Her motion eventually

Piloting the options

Stephanie Voyce from the Downtown BIZ spoke in favour of allowing pedestrians to cross Portage and Main, suggesting the city pilot the options for a year and gauge the effect on businesses both above and below the intersection.

passed 3-1 with only Coun. Justin Swandel opposed.

"One of the problems with our downtown is that pedestrians are in a sense discouraged by these barriers," explained Gerbasi after the meeting. "We have to deal with safety, and we have to deal with traffic flow, but there are solutions to that."

Portage and Main has remained a no-go zone for pedestrians since the four property owners at the corner inked deals with the city to close it when the underground concourse opened in 1979.

Those agreements expire in 2019 and the report from public works looked at four



Coun. Justin Swandel was the lone vote against a motion calling for further study and consultation with stakeholders into the possibility of reopening Portage and Main to pedestrians at Thursday's infrastructure renewal and public works committee meeting. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

options to bring pedestrians back to the pavement, but none of the changes — including a scramble option — were recommended.

Swandel said the deals signed with the property

owners allow each to renew the closure for another 40 years after 2019, which led him to vote against Gerbasi's motion. He isn't necessarily opposed to the idea, but thinks the city should broaden its

scope to look at other improvements in case the intersection is forced to remain closed.

"The power is not in our hands, it's in the people's who hold the lease," he told reporters after the meeting.

Key figure to be 'absent' for police HQ audit



Ossama AbouZeid

BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

A key figure in the \$210-million Winnipeg police headquarters project has abandoned ship.

Members of the city's finance committee learned during Thursday's meeting that Ossama AbouZeid, who helped negotiate the infamous guaranteed maximum price of \$194 million based

on only 30 per cent of the drawings, had decided not to renew his contract with the city at the end of December.

Coun. Paula Havixbeck said she didn't know about AbouZeid's departure until she read "a footnote" in the report prepared by the city for this meeting.

Havixbeck believes Abou-

Zeid's departure will have a negative effect on the upcoming real-estate audit, expected at council's May meeting, which looked at the acquisition of the property for the police HQ.

"When that report is released, here we go again, same scenario as the fire halls, where the key per-

son involved — that council would need to hold accountable and ask questions of — is absent."

Havixbeck was referring to the resignation of Phil Sheegl, who was the city's chief administrative officer, before the fire halls audit was released last October.

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Award-winning transit

Dave Wardrop, director of Winnipeg Transit, stands beside the many awards the city has received for the first stage of the Southwest Rapid Transit project during a ceremony at city hall on Thursday. The latest one is the 2013 Project of the Year award from the Manitoba chapter of the Canadian Public Works Association. **BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO**

New committee picked for Lori Douglas inquiry

Appointed. Previous panel had been accused of showing bias in judge's sexual-harassment case

A long-delayed inquiry into a Manitoba judge whose nude photos ended up on the Internet may soon restart.

The Canadian Judicial Council has appointed a new committee to oversee the inquiry into Lori Douglas.

The new appointees include Francois Rolland, chief justice

of the Superior Court of Quebec. They replace members who resigned en masse after Douglas's lawyer complained they had shown bias.

Douglas, a justice with the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench, faces a complaint that in 2010 she sexually harassed a man named Alex Chapman.

Chapman alleged that Douglas's husband had shown him sexually explicit photos of the judge and asked him to have sex with her.

Douglas has denied the allegation — she and her husband have said he acted alone,

without her knowledge, and was suffering from depression at the time.

The inquiry held hearings in 2012 but was put on hold after Douglas's lawyer, Sheila Block, filed an application for a judicial review.

Block said aggressive questioning by a lawyer representing the five-member inquiry committee suggested the committee was biased.

The new committee will have just three members.

There is no word on when the hearings might resume.

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Program in Winnipeg to treat concussed kids

A new program in Winnipeg will offer specialized research and treatment for kids who suffer concussions.

The Pan Am Concussion Program is to be up and running by this fall and is expected to see as many as 30 children and teenagers every week.

It is to be located at MTS Iceplex, a four-rink facility that hosts amateur games and tournaments as well as practices for the Winnipeg Jets.

Premier Greg Selinger says kids are active on the hockey rink, the football field and elsewhere, but that brings with it a risk of injury.

The program is to be led by Dr. Michael Ellis, a neurosurgeon who recently worked at



Neurosurgeon Dr. Michael Ellis, who will head Winnipeg's new Pan Am Concussion Program for youth, speaks to media on Thursday. **CHRIS D. CA**

Toronto Western Hospital.

Organizers promise innovative research into how concus-

sions can be better diagnosed and managed.

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Sentencing

Drunk driver gets 3 years for death

A man who admitted he was driving drunk when he killed a newly married Manitoba woman has been sentenced to three years in prison.

Sean Messner also admitted to using cocaine before the crash in Selkirk in November 2010.

Court heard Andrea Bannish was on her way to work when Messner sped through a stop sign at an intersection and struck her vehicle.

Bannish was taken to hospital but was pronounced dead on arrival.

The crash happened just weeks after the 28-year-old woman had married her long-time boyfriend.

Messner is getting credit for one year of time served.

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Province

Ministers to watch federal response to grain backlog

The Manitoba government has tasked four cabinet ministers to monitor federal measures aimed at easing a rail transportation bottleneck that has left piles of grain sitting in bins across the Prairies.

The province says the ministers are to make sure the province's farmers get access to rail cars as they become available.

The four are also to make sure farmers in flood-prone areas get their grain moved and to help others find alternate storage for grain that might be at risk.

Ottawa is forcing Canada's two main railway companies to double the amount of grain they ship in a week. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Hilton

New hotel opens near airport

Homewood Suites by Hilton is the latest hotel to open up near the Winnipeg James Armstrong Richardson International Airport.

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Spaceman. Hadfield to mingle among the Juno stars



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Several more people have been announced as presenters at the upcoming Juno Awards, and they include a Canadian astronaut.

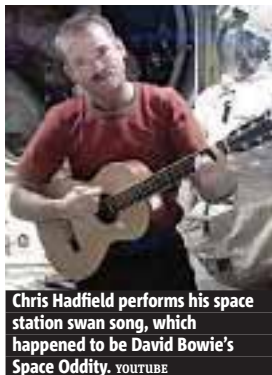
Cmdr. Chris Hadfield will induct Bachman-Turner Overdrive into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame. Other presenters include Winnipeg musician Chantal Kreviazuk and her husband, Our Lady Peace frontman Raine Maida.

It was previously announced that Kreviazuk and Maida will be receiving the Allan Waters Humanitarian Award.

Hadfield, Kreviazuk and

Other presenters

Winnipeg local Chantal Kreviazuk and her husband, Raine Maida, the frontman for Our Lady Peace



Chris Hadfield performs his space station swan song, which happened to be David Bowie's Space Oddity. YOUTUBE

Maida will join A Tribe Called Red, July Talk, Kardinal Offishall, The Sadies, Shad, and Small Town Pistols, along with Sarah McLachlan and Jennifer Jones and her gold-medal-winning curling team.

MP Shelley Glover will also present. The Juno Awards broadcast will take place on March 30 at the MTS Centre. Tickets are on sale at Ticketmaster.



Every girl crazy ...

ZZ Top guitarist and lead vocalist Billy Gibbons performs at the MTS Centre Thursday as part of the rockers' La Futura Tour. DAVID LIPNOWSKI/FOR METRO

Winter rates

Bitter cold means pricier funerals as crews dig through frozen ground

The bitterly cold temperatures that have plagued much of the country this winter are adding another burden to families grieving the loss of loved ones.

Funeral home directors say cold weather means higher prices for burials.

Owen McKenzie with McKenzie's funeral chapel in Portage la Prairie says it can add up to \$200 to the cost of a funeral.

Crews need jackhammers to break through the ground and then a clawed machine digs up frozen chunks of earth.

McKenzie says gravediggers are still hitting frost six feet underground.

Winter interment rates usually end April 1 but McKenzie's not confident the ground will thaw by then. THE CANADIAN PRESS/CTV WINNIPEG

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The Treble representing Manitoba in talent search

Winnipeg's pop-rockers The Treble are looking for help to win Bell Media's RadioStar National Talent Search.

The band has been selected as one of nine regional finalists, and is representing Manitoba in the competition with the title track off their Northern Lights EP.

The competition comes with a top prize of \$10,000 in cash.

"We are honoured to have been selected as Manitoba's representatives in the RadioStar National

Talent Search," said Mark Brusegard, lead singer of The Treble in a release. "It is competitions like these that can be an incredible boost for emerging artists trying to establish themselves in a highly competitive music industry."

The Treble is recording a new album, and said on their Facebook page they'd use the prize money to help the album get radio play across the country.

Fans have until March 24 to vote at radiostar.ca/fans-choice. METRO



Winnipeg's The Treble has been selected as regional finalists in Bell Media's RadioStar National Talent Search. COURTESY FACEBOOK

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Fire destroys busy Manitoba feedlot

Hamiota. Company's customer base includes cattle producers from Canada and U.S.

A rural Manitoba business has been devastated after a fire levelled one of their buildings.

Hamiota RCMP said they responded to the fire at 3:20 a.m. on Thursday, which had engulfed a building at Hamiota Feedlot Ltd., just outside the town of Hamiota.

Police said by the time they and local volunteer firefighters got there, the building housing the office and several bays of equipment was engulfed in flames.

Location

Hamiota is about 290 km west of Winnipeg.

The investigation continues. No one was hurt in the fire, and a damage estimate and cause have yet to be

determined.

Hamiota is about 290 km west of Winnipeg.

The company's website says the feedlot was built in 1998 and has capacity for 12,500 head of cattle.

Hamiota Feedlot's customer base includes cattle producers from Canada and the U.S. **METRO, WITH FILES BY THE CANADIAN PRESS**



A building at Hamiota Feedlot Ltd. was destroyed by fire Thursday. RCMP/HANDOUT

Council

Bendy bussing the rules: Committee says yes to articulated charters

Winnipeggers who want to take the city's new bendy buses wherever they want are in luck — Winnipeg Transit is one step closer to

chartering the buses out to the public.

Council's infrastructure and public works committee voted in favour Thursday of recommendations made in an administrative report to allow the articulated buses to be chartered when not in use for \$182.25 per hour, about \$60 more than a regular bus charter currently costs.

But hold on to your captain's hats — the recommendations still need approval from EPC and council.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Alexander Avenue. Police release photo of man wanted in shooting



Michael Tyler Fless WPS/HANDOUT

Police are asking for the public's help tracking down a suspect after a man fired a gun at a Weston neighbourhood house party earlier this month.

Officers were called to a home in the 1500 block of Alexander Avenue just after 6 a.m. March 1 after one of the partygoers pulled out a gun and fired while unsuccessfully trying to rob another man at the party.

No one was injured. Police have released a picture of their suspect, Michael Tyler Fless, 28, and ask anyone

Warning

Fless is considered armed and dangerous, and police warn not to approach him.

with information on his whereabouts to call investigators at 204-986-6668 or Winnipeg Crime Stoppers at 204-786-TIPS.

Fless is five-foot-four, 150 pounds with a medium build, fair complexion, short brown hair and blue eyes. **METRO**

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Like mosquitoes, winter and construction, pothole season is now upon us. CAA Manitoba says it'll likely be the worst pothole season ... ever. But we say: Embrace the bumps! After all, they've likely embraced your car. Specifically your tires. Oh, and the undercarriage.

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Slap a logo over each one

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Crimean referendum prompts West to increase threats against Russia

Crisis in Ukraine. Gov't and Western allies warn Russia against trying to annex strategic peninsula

Russia conducted new military manoeuvres near its border with Ukraine on Thursday, and President Vladimir Putin said the world shouldn't blame his country for what he called Ukraine's "internal crisis."

In Crimea, where the public will vote on Sunday whether to break away from Ukraine and become part of Russia, jittery residents lined up at their banks to withdraw cash from their accounts amid uncertainty over the future of the peninsula, which Russian troops now control.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov plan to meet

in London on Friday in a last-ditch bid to end the standoff over the Crimean referendum, which Ukraine and the West have rejected as illegitimate.

In Berlin, German Chancellor Angela Merkel sharply criticized Russia, saying the territorial integrity of Ukraine cannot be compromised.

Speaking to Germany's parliament, Merkel said Russia risks "massive" political and economic consequences, if it does not enter into "negotiations that achieve results" over the situation in Ukraine.

If Moscow does not begin to "de-escalate" the situation, Merkel said, the 28 European Union nations, the U.S. and other allies are prepared to take even stronger measures such as freezing bank accounts of Russians and implementing travel restrictions that would hit Russia economically.

On Wednesday, Moscow rejected the Ukrainian government's claim that a massive



An elderly man holds a Ukrainian flag next to Cossacks guarding Crimea's regional parliament building in Simferopol, Ukraine, Thursday. VADIM GHIRDA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russian military buildup near the countries' border was raising the threat of a possible invasion.

But on Thursday Russia's Defence Ministry announced that thousands of Russian troops in their regions of Ros-

tov, Belgorod, Kursk and Tambov bordering Ukraine are involved in the exercises, which will continue until the end of the month.

Putin, who has received his parliament's permission to use the Russian military in Ukraine,

has warned that he reserves the right to "use all means" to protect Russian speakers in Ukraine from violent nationalists, even though there have been no signs they are facing such a threat.

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Ukraine's economy

Canada offers \$220M to prop Ukraine finances

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird says Canada will contribute \$220 million to an international effort to stabilize the finances of the government of Ukraine.

He says Canada is prepared to work with the European Union, the United States and the International Monetary Fund to help Ukraine.

The minister says Ukraine seems to have enough money to keep afloat for a few months, giving the international community time to work out some solutions.

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Quebec election

PQ candidate out after offensive Facebook post

A Parti Québécois candidate quit his campaign Thursday after posting a photo of a half-naked white woman holding up her middle finger captioned "(expletive) Islam."

Jean Carrière stepped aside after the photo started to make the rounds on social media Wednesday.

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Dirty laundry

Trudeau bars candidate to avoid infighting

Justin Trudeau's team announced Christine Innes will not be allowed to run for a nomination after complaints that her husband, former MP Tony Ianno, has been using "intimidation and bullying" to lure supporters from the recently elected Chrystia Freeland.

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Chow: 'We deserve better'

Former NDP MP Olivia Chow holds her granddaughter Solace Campbell, 2, after launching her candidacy for Toronto mayor on Thursday. The veteran left-wing politician refused to discuss Mayor Rob Ford's numerous scandals, but said, "He is no role model for my granddaughters."

NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Under siege, Redford has a day to forget

Bullying accusations.

Backbencher quits, says it's 'the way she treats people'

Alberta Premier Alison Redford was a leader under siege Thursday, facing caucus turmoil, a dysfunctional office and an accusation that she is an abusive bully, prone to tantrums and fits of rage.

It's the latest chapter in what has become Redford's nightmarish narrative of sagging support amid revelations of lavish spending on herself and her inner circle.

On Wednesday, she tried to stem the caucus revolt by agreeing to pay back \$45,000 she and her aide, Brad Stables, spent to fly to South Africa for Nelson Mandela's funeral.

That was not enough, however, to stop Calgary backbencher Len Webber from quitting caucus Thursday to sit as an Independent.

Webber told reporters in

Alleged temper tantrums

"She's just really not a nice lady."

Len Webber, Alberta MLA

Calgary that Redford is disrespectful and has issues with uncontrolled anger.

Redford, asked later by reporters in Edmonton for her reaction to Webber's remarks, said "no reaction," after which her caucus met without her.

This was her only public comment Thursday, when she did not attend the start of question period to take questions from the other leaders. She has missed question period three of the last four days.

There were problems in her communications office. Redford was to fly to Regina on Thursday for a conference with Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall and British Columbia's Christy Clark.

Rumours surfaced Wednesday that Redford wouldn't go, but her office later con-



Alberta Premier Alison Redford

MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

firmed she would. By Thursday morning, reporters learned through Wall's office that Redford wouldn't be going and the premiers would talk by phone.

Redford's communications director, Stefan Baranski, disputed the characterization of dysfunction in the office. He said the change of plans didn't merit a news release.

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Cairo

Attack on army bus kills 1

Masked gunmen opened fire on an army bus in Cairo on Thursday, killing one soldier and wounding three in a rare attack on troops in the Egyptian capital, security officials and a military spokesman said.

Security officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they

were not authorized to talk to the media, did not say who was responsible for the attack, which bore the hallmarks of Islamic militants.

But the armed forces spokesman, Col. Ahmed Mohammed Ali, blamed the Muslim Brotherhood — the country's leading Islamist group from which ousted president Mohamed Morsi hails — for the early-morning attack.

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Thailand

Suspected human-trafficking ring busted

Thai authorities on Thursday detained 220 suspected Turkish migrants hiding in a secluded camp in the deep south and believed to be victims of a trafficking ring.

Acting on a tip from villagers, immigration police

raided the jungle camp located up a mountain behind rubber plantations in southern Songkhla province, said police Col. Chusak Panas-umporn. The group included 78 men, 60 women and 82 children.

Thailand has long been a transit point and hub for human traffickers, mostly transporting ethnic Rohingya fleeing violence and persecution in neighbouring Myanmar.

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Oscar Pistorius covers his head with his hands and a notebook as he listens to evidence

A 'trail of led cop to

Oscar Pistorius trial. Former police colonel testifies, grisly crime scene described in detail

Photographs of Oscar Pistorius's cocked 9-mm pistol lying on a mat on the blood-stained bathroom floor and the blood splatter on walls and furniture in his house were shown at the double-amputee Olympian's murder trial Thursday, building a detailed picture of the scene where he killed Reeva Steenkamp.

One of the first two police officers at the house to investigate the shooting testified that he followed a "trail of blood" when he got there.

Former police colonel G.S. van Rensburg said he traced spots and bigger blood marks downstairs where Steenkamp lay dead from three gunshot wounds and followed them across the floor, up the stair-

case, through a small lounge area and then into Pistorius's bedroom. Ultimately, van Rensburg reached the bathroom where the world-famous athlete shot his girlfriend in the early hours of Valentine's Day last year.

There, van Rensburg said he found Pistorius's gun, hammer back and the safety off, on a mat. There were also spent bullet casings, cellphones and a blood-soaked towel on the bathroom floor, and the cricket bat Pistorius says he used to break down the toilet door to get to Steenkamp. In the toilet cubicle, there was a darker pool of blood and the wooden splinters where the locked door, through which Pistorius shot the model, had been bashed through.

Pistorius, 27, faces a possible life sentence if convicted of murder. He has pleaded not guilty to all charges against him and says he shot the 29-year-old Steenkamp by mistake, thinking she was a dangerous intruder in the tiny

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during his trial in Pretoria, South Africa, Thursday. ALET PRETORIUS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/POOL

Evidence in perjury trial OK'd

A judge has ruled the Crown can present evidence at the perjury trial for an RCMP officer that alleges four Mounties colluded to fake a story about Robert Dziekanski's death.

Const. Kwesi Millington is on trial for perjury in connection with his testimony at a public inquiry that examined what happened when Dziekanski was stunned with a Taser at Van-

couver's airport.

Millington's lawyer argued the Crown should not be able to claim the officer colluded with the other Mounties before speaking to investigators, because a judge rejected the same argument last year when another officer was acquitted.

Judge William Ehrcke says the legal principle that Millington's lawyers attempted to use only applies

if the same person is on trial.

Const. Bill Bentley was found not guilty of perjury last year, and Ehrcke points out Millington wasn't formally part of that trial in any way.

The Crown is appealing Bentley's acquittal, while former corporal Benjamin (Monty) Robinson and Const. Gerry Rundel are expected to stand trial separately later this year. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



RCMP Const. Kwesi Millington at his perjury trial in Vancouver on March 10. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

blood' bedroom

toilet cubicle in a bathroom of his Pretoria villa. Prosecutors charge that he intentionally killed her.

Details in the photos were highlighted by the prosecution as part of its case against Pistorius. One was a gun holster on a table by the side of the bed where Pistorius says Steenkamp, and not him, was sleeping that night. The size of the bedroom suggested Pistorius had to walk close to where he says he thought Steenkamp was still sleeping to get to the bathroom. In the bathroom, the gun rested on a mat that was clean and out of kilter with the blood stains around it, head prosecutor Gerrie Nel noted.

As van Rensburg, who resigned from the police force last year, was led through each photograph by Nel, Pistorius mainly kept his head down in court and appeared to avoid looking at the TV monitors where the images were shown. The screen next to Pistorius was switched off

Graphic photos

The photos provided vivid images.

- Blood stains from the severe wounds he inflicted on his girlfriend were splattered on a white wall close to a group of trophies in the multiple Paralympic champion's home.
- Upstairs, there was a black air gun rifle and a blue baseball bat near the door to Pistorius's bedroom.

before the exhibit.

Van Rensburg confirmed that the photos reflected accurately how he found the scene when he got there just before 4 a.m. on Feb. 14, 2013 — about 30 to 40 minutes after prosecutors say Pistorius shot Steenkamp.

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More bodies pulled from New York explosion site

Harlem disaster. Mayor hopes to 'find others still alive' as rescue workers search overnight through smouldering wreckage

Rescuers working amid cold, gusty winds and billowing smoke pulled four additional bodies overnight from the rubble of two Manhattan apartment buildings, as the death toll rose Thursday to at least seven from a gas leak-triggered explosion that reduced the area to a pile of smashed bricks, splinters and mangled metal.



A firefighter applies water to rubble on Thursday, a day after a gas leak triggered an explosion in East Harlem, N.Y. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The explosion Wednesday morning in Harlem injured more than 60, with searchers still trying to locate others a

day later. Mayor Bill de Blasio said Thursday that the city was "hoping to find others still alive" and then "to determine

exactly what happened here."

Crews used generator-powered floodlights and thermal imaging cameras to identify heat spots — bodies or pockets of fire — at the site. Police guarding the scene wore masks and neighbourhood residents covered faces with scarfs amid the thick, acrid air.

Construction equipment with iron jaws picked up the smouldering debris, first depositing it on the pavement, then hoisting it onto trucks that hauled it away. The debris included structural beams, pieces of windows and residents' belongings.

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Two dead at SXSW festival after driver plows through crowd

Bystanders assist first responders in Austin, Texas, early Thursday morning, where a suspected drunken driver barrelled through police barricades and drove down a crowded street at the South by Southwest music festival, killing two people and injuring 23 in an act authorities say was intentional. The driver, whose name has not been released, faces two counts of capital murder and 23 counts of aggravated assault with a vehicle. COLIN KERRIGAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Malaysia Airlines. Search widens for missing plane

Malaysian authorities expanded their search for a missing plane westward toward India on Thursday, saying it may have flown for several hours after its last contact with the ground.

That scenario would make finding the Boeing 777 a vastly more difficult task, and raises the possibility that searchers have been looking in the wrong place for the plane and its 239 passengers and crew since it

disappeared early Saturday.

Search planes were sent Thursday to search an area off the southern tip of Vietnam where Chinese satellite images showed three suspected floating objects, but they saw only ocean.

"There is nothing. We went there, there is nothing," said acting Malaysian Transport Minister Hishammuddin Hussein. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

China. Police arrest man who runs rights website

Police in China on Thursday took away a veteran activist who runs a rights monitoring website, and seized his computers and mobile phones, the campaigner's mother said.

Eleven police officers turned up at Huang Qi's home in the city of Chengdu and produced a summons for Huang before taking him away, said his mother, Pu Wenqing.

Huang founded a rights

monitoring website and has long been one of China's most outspoken advocates for the rights of people who try to bring their grievances to the attention of the government but often face police harassment. He served a five-year prison sentence starting in 2003 on subversion charges linked to politically sensitive articles posted on his site.

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Protest in Greece for teen killed by police tear-gas canister

Kurds who live in Greece shout slogans in front of riot police as they hold banners with the portraits of Turkish Berkin Elvan, left, and Greek Alexandros Grigoropoulos during a rally in Athens on Thursday. Hundreds of people tried to approach the Turkish Embassy in the Greek capital to protest against the death of the teenager in Istanbul. The 15-year-old boy, Berkin Elvan, died Tuesday, nine months after being hit by a police tear-gas canister during anti-government protests and slipping into a coma. Fifteen-year old Alexandros Grigoropoulos was shot dead by police in central Athens on Dec. 6, 2008, sparking riots in Greek cities that lasted nearly three weeks. THANASSIS STAVRAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Algerian Gitmo prisoner released

Guantanamo Bay. Held for 12 years without charge, Ahmed Bel Bacha is released

An Algerian held for 12 years without charge at Guantanamo Bay has been sent back to his homeland, officials said Thursday, portraying the transfer as a step toward eventual closure of the prison on the U.S. base in Cuba.

Ahmed Bel Bacha was transferred to the custody of the Algerian government, bringing the detainee population at Guantanamo to 154, the Pentagon said.

The U.S. has repatriated 17 Guantanamo prisoners to Algeria, where they typically spend around two weeks in

custody for questioning before being released. Bel Bacha must contend with the fact that he was convicted of terrorism-related offences in absentia in 2009, while still in Guantanamo. His lawyers said he was nevertheless eager to return to his homeland.

"He has received assurances from both the U.S. and the Algerians that he will be fairly and humanely treated on his return so that's what we expect," said Polly Rossdale, a member of his legal team from the British human-rights group Reprieve.

Bel Bacha will have the



right under Algerian law to contest his conviction and receive a new trial, said Ian Moss, a spokesman for the State Department office working to close Guantanamo.

Bel Bacha, 44, was captured in Pakistan as he fled the U.S. attack on Afghanistan and was detained as a suspected militant with links to al-Qaida. He was sent in January 2002 to Guantanamo, where his lawyers say he was subjected to violent interrogations and physical abuse. He participated in at least two long-term hunger strikes at the prison.

He told interrogators that he fled Algeria amid that country's civil war in 1999 because of threats from Islamic militants. U.S. officials said he travelled to Afghanistan, with aid from radicals at London's Finsbury Park Mosque, and

Renewed effort

President Barack Obama came into office vowing to close Guantanamo Bay, but Congress imposed restrictions on releases and transfers, including a ban on sending any Guantanamo prisoner to the U.S.

- Obama last year said he would renew efforts to close the prison, and Congress in December eased the restrictions on overseas transfers.

trained with al-Qaida, according to military documents. He has been cleared for release from Guantanamo since at least 2006.

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Argentina's dictatorship tales praise and haunt Pope Francis

Stories of survival.

Accounts say Francis's silence enabled life-saving acts

It was 1976, South America's dictatorship era, and Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the future Pope Francis, was a 30-something leader of Argentina's Jesuit order. At the time, the country's church hierarchy openly sided with the country's military junta as it kidnapped, tortured and killed thousands.

Many of the targeted were politically active and some were Marxist, but others were simply committed social workers. The right-wing military made few distinctions. People began to disappear at the hands of death squads.

Critics have argued that Bergoglio's public silence in the face of that repression made

him complicit, and they warn against what they see as historical revisionism designed to burnish the pope's rep.

But chilling accounts of survivors credit Bergoglio with saving their lives. They say he conspired to provide refuge to dozens of priests, seminarians and political dissidents marked for elimination by the military.

Several new books assert that Bergoglio's public silence enabled him to save people.

Theologian Juan Carlos Scannone quietly told the AP of the terror he felt decades ago.

Scannone said he was targeted because he promoted a non-Marxist "theology of the people" and worked with slum-dwellers in the city's "misery villages." He said Bergoglio defended him against criticism within the church and personally delivered his writings for publication even when the military was trying to find him.

"Bergoglio contributed by

Extending a hand

Marcelo Larraquy, author of *Pray for Him*, said Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the future Pope Francis, saved "20 or 30" people.

- Bergoglio "remained silent in the face of atrocity," but he was determined to thwart the death squads when he could, said Larraquy, who runs investigations for the Argentine newspaper Clarin.

helping the persecuted, and he dedicated himself to obtaining the release of his kidnapped priests. Still, he didn't participate ... in the fight ... in defence of human rights," said Adolfo Perez Esquivel, whose human-rights work in Argentina won him the Nobel Peace Prize. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Jesuit Priest and theologian Juan Carlos Scannone poses for a portrait at the garden of the Colegio Maximo in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He says Bergoglio helped him escape the country's military persecution. NATACHA PISARENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Pipeline rejection would 'make Mr. Putin's day'

Keystone XL. Obama's former national security adviser testifies at Senate hearing

President Barack Obama's former national security adviser says rejecting the Keystone XL pipeline would be a gift to Vladimir Putin and a blow to U.S. efforts to achieve the elusive goal of energy independence.

James Jones testified Thursday at a Senate hearing on whether approving the pipeline is in the U.S. national interest.

He said energy scarcity is a powerful geopolitical weapon — as evidenced at various times in Saddam Hussein's in-



James Jones
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vasion of Kuwait and in Osama bin Laden's threats to attack energy infrastructure. The latest example is Ukraine, he says, where the fear of higher

gas prices from Russia have an effect not only on that country's governance but also on the broader ability of Europe to impose economic sanctions.

"If we want to make Mr. Putin's day and strengthen his hand, we should reject Keystone," Jones said.

He described Keystone as part of a larger North American energy boom, which he called a historic opportunity following decades of instability and foreign military adventures to protect oil sources.

The hearing is being held while the Obama administration determines whether the Alberta-to-Texas pipeline is in the U.S. national interest. A decision is expected within months.

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Ruffing ridiculous? Americans spent \$55.7B on their fur babies in 2013

Millions of pets across America live like little humans these days — and as long as people treat them that way, pet spending should keep climbing after a record 2013, industry spokesman Bob Vetere said Thursday.

Americans spent an all-time high of \$55.7 billion US on their pets last year and spending will creep close to \$60 billion US this year, the president and CEO of the American Pet Products Association told buyers and exhibitors at the Global Pet Expo in Orlando, Fla. Overall pet spending has not dipped since record-keeping started, according to APPA, based in



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It's the first price increase since the online retailer introduced Prime, which includes two-day free shipping on many products, in 2005.

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China cutting through the smog

In this December 2013 file photo, the skyline of the Lujiazui Financial District in Shanghai is seen blanketed in heavy smog. Japanese electronics maker Panasonic Corp. is compensating employees for living with air pollution in Chinese cities, such as Beijing and Shanghai, that have become notorious for high pollution. China will tighten environmental legislation and force polluters to pay compensation following renewed blasts of toxic air, the country's top legislator said Sunday. Zhang Dejiang said in a report to the ceremonial legislature's annual session that businesses were responsible for the environmental damage they caused and must be held to account. He said legal revisions were being prepared, but offered no specifics. EUGENE HOSHIKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Marijuana job fair stokes high interest

Denver. Line of job applicants snaked around corner as legal pot business lights up big profits

When Tim Cullen was opening his first marijuana business four years ago, the high school biology teacher-turned-pot entrepreneur struggled to get resumés and references from job appli-

The green rush

"I've always been an outdoorsy guy, and I've always liked to smoke weed."

Ian Howe, 23, among the jobseekers in line on Thursday, said he moved to Colorado just 3 1/2 weeks ago, and found the state a good fit.

cants. "Everyone's experience was on the black market," Cullen said. Now, he said, "it's come out of the closet."

Out of the closet, down the street and around the corner. That's where the line of

hopefuls stretched Thursday outside a central Denver office building that was hosting a marijuana industry job fair.

Cullen, who owns two retail marijuana shops and is a partner in a company that makes hash oil and another

that makes vaporizers, was among representatives from about a dozen businesses reviewing applications.

O.penVAPE, Cullen's vaporizers company, organized the fair to meet its own growing staffing needs and help others in the industry, said company spokesman Todd Mitchem.

Voters in Colorado and Washington approved sales of marijuana for recreational use in 2012, and recreational sales began first in Colorado, in January. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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1 #whileTwitterwasdown. Twitter went down briefly Tuesday, but it felt like an eternity to users. By the time it came back, #whileTwitterwasdown was trending with gems like, "I tried to get real people on the street to follow me, but they just wouldn't. Elites probably," and "I was promoted at work, made six friends, and started a family." All I did was write six books, three of which were adapted to the big screen.

2 First kiss. A beautiful video of 20 strangers meeting and kissing for the first time went viral, with more than 20 million views. When people found out it was actually a fashion film by the label Wren, it didn't really dampen spirits. After all, it really was strangers kissing. And the vid really was beautiful. Plus, we're used to product endorsements on everything.

3 Bachelor finale. The finale had the narcissistic Juan Pablo trending for being such a self-serving idiot. Even his parents warned Clare and Nikki about him. In the end, he sort of picked Nikki. But we all know that the person Juan Pablo loves the most in the world is himself. That's who he should have proposed to: Juan Pablo.

4 Funny or Die. To promote his health-care plan, President Obama sat down for an interview with actor Zach Galifi-



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anakis on his comedy web series Between Two Ferns on Funny or Die. Boy did it work. White House senior communications adviser Tara McGuinness tweeted "FunnyorDie.com is the #1 source of referrals to HealthCare.gov right now." Laughter really is the best medicine.

5 Strombo. Hockey Night in Canada named him as their primary host and anchor, taking over from Ron MacLean, who will have a diminished role next year. Lost in the hoopla was the announcement Strombo's terrific show George Stroumboulopoulos Tonight will be cancelled at season's end. I will miss it big time.

6 #AskBaird. Canada's Foreign Minister John Baird hosted a live Twitter chat where you could ask him questions. This was refreshing for a politician to be this transparent in real time about what Canada is doing on the international stage. Baird was self-deprecating, saying in one tweet, "suggest trying someone else for cooking & fashion tips."

7 Kevin Bacon. A YouTube video titled Kevin Explains the '80s to Millennials garnered nearly two million views as a straight-faced Bacon tried to explain what the '80s and its VCRs and parachute pants meant. "You want to know my favourite app? Rubik's Cube," Bacon says. Google that, millennials, to find out what it is.

8 Jack Bauer. It was announced the iconic character will be coming back to TV four years after the series finale. This time Jack is an exiled ex-CIA agent who has to prevent the assassination of the U.S. president — and prevent a world war. Yes, life is never easy for Jack Bauer. But it is for Kiefer Sutherland.

9 Daylight saving time. The first week adjusting to daylight saving is always a nag, but all the more so when the most famous mayor in the world — yes, Mayor Ford — tweets out "Daylight saving time starts this evening, turn your clocks back and change batteries in smoke alarms." For the rest of this year, Ford will be two hours behind the rest of the world.

10 22-pound house cat attacks. It read like an Onion article — a 911 call was placed by a family whose 22-pound Himalayan cat, Lux, who had a "history of violence," was holding them "hostage" inside their bedroom after attacking their baby. Don't worry: The police caught the grumpy cat after it attempted "to flee custody" by climbing on top of the fridge.

11 www. Remember when the telephone turned 25? The radio? The TV? I don't either. But I will remember when the World Wide Web did — March 12, 2014. Seriously though, can you believe it's already been around a quarter-century? Before we know it, Twitter will seem ancient when we're beaming around space tweeting our adventures.



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ZOOM

Take a guess at what this is

Man-of-war can kill fish and humans

It looks like a bejewelled silk scarf but you'd be a fool to wear it. This image shows the Portuguese man-of-war, a sea creature whose stinging tentacles are capable of

killing fish and even humans. Eric Röttinger's shot is winner of the non-scientific category of the annual cover contest by molecular biology journal EMBO. **METRO**



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Too many tendrils

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metres is how long the venomous tendrils of a Portuguese man-of-war can extend to — that's roughly four lengths of an average-sized city bus. Ten metres is the average length for this

seafaring creature's appendages. The tendrils' venom-filled capsules, or nematocysts, are capable of paralyzing and killing fish, and on rare occasions humans. Some people have described a sting from the man-of-war as a feeling like being struck by a lightning bolt.

Blob tag

- Biology.** Despite its appearance, the Portuguese man-of-war (Physalia physalis) is neither a jellyfish nor even a single animal. It's actually a siphonophore, a floating colony of multiple organisms working in symbiosis with each other.
- Structure.** It comprises four individual polyps (or organisms): one forming

a gas-filled bladder that floats on the sea surface and looks like an old warship (by which the creature gets its nautical name), one that catches small fish with its long tendrils, and two others that are in charge of digestion and reproduction.

- Habitat.** Found in groups of 1,000, floating in warm waters throughout the world's oceans.

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You've got mail. In honour of the World Wide Web's — almost called The Information Mesh, The Mine of Information — silver anniversary, we present you with a few Internet firsts:

1989: AOL launches
1994: First banner ad, first online purchase (a pepperoni/mushroom Pizza Hut pizza)

1995: Craigslist, Match.com go online
2003: Apple launches iTunes
2006: Twitter begins
And the rest is history...



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Twitter



@metropicks asked: #Starbucks in the U.S. is adding a tip option on its mobile app. Do you tip your barista? @Starbucks

@Bridawns: I don't tip the cashier for bagging my groceries; why would I tip for pouring my coffee?

@EdmontonLight: I tip mine! Why? They know my name, they pre-make my order if they see me & they ask me how the kiddette's are; #service

@lisambungay: I tip the regular one cause they know my name and order :) they're worth it!

@AllenGalley: Really? Who's next? McDonalds?

@kkjohal769: sorry I can barely afford the latte itself five dollars is a bit too much money for me and then a tip

@MonaLahey: For pouring a coffee

that I have to add my cream and sugar, no. For a specialty drink HE— YES!

@RealBritbird: Yep I gave him a tip yesterday for the 4:15 at Epsom

@neiliasherman: pretty soon there won't be money for coffee if we have to tip for every service. How about paying staff fairly?

@annahoward62: it's a great option for our regular customers to have more options. It's not forcing anyone to tip I think baristas get this stigma put on them that these hipster university kids that are more privileged than someone else with a minimum wage job, but the truth is a lot of us are putting ourselves through university and it's really hard on a minimum wage job. Tim's staff get more in tips then we ever will

@DazRolfey: no chance.

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Synopsis

Based on the most successful racing video game franchise ever, *Need for Speed* is Aaron "Breaking Bad" Paul's first lead in a feature. He plays Tobey Marshall, a speed-demon mechanic, jailed for a crime he did not commit. Out of prison with revenge against adversary Dino Brewster (Dominic Cooper) on his mind, he finagles a spot at the De Leon, a high-octane underground race that makes the Cannonball Run look like a Go-Kart sprint. You just know it's only a matter of time until someone says, "We'll settle this behind the wheel." Between him and the race, however, are miles of hard road, bounty hunters and police. Steve Gow sits in for Mark Breslin this week.

- Richard: ●●●●
- Steve: ●●●●

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Need for Speed opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

The cars are the stars

Need for Speed. Action-packed racing tale based on a video game not one for the intellectual crowd

Richard: Steve, remember the Mazda commercials that were on a few years ago? I felt like the kid from those ads was sitting on my shoulder whispering "zoom, zoom" into my ear for the entire running time of *The Hot Wheels Movie*, er... *Need for Speed*. This is a fast paced car race movie that zips along as quickly as you'd hope a movie with the word speed in the title would, but character wise, it's not quite as fast or furious as you might like. The cars are the stars, while the characters are largely left in the dust. What did you think?

SG: Yes, the way they're staged by the racing sequences, the term "vehicular manslaughter" could easily apply to the actors. Sure, Aaron Paul showed us he had chops in *Breaking Bad* but that only makes the choice of playing a gravelly-voiced, vengeance-seeking street car racer all the more curious. After all, as much as *Need For Speed* tries to design depth in its characters, nobody in the thriller rises above conveniently routine. Or all that interesting.

RC: I liked the race scenes. They feel authentic and by and large done by brave speed demon stunt drivers without the use of CGI. They're exciting, pedal-to-the-metal sequences that put the audience in the driver's seat. You have to wonder about glorifying the romance of reckless street racing, but the movie

isn't a commercial for vehicular mayhem. There are some wild rides, but there are also consequences for many of the drivers and their need for speed. I just wish the characters were stronger. It says something when the movie's most interesting character — the eccentric millionaire the Monarch, played by Michael Keaton — never gets behind the wheel of a car.

SG: He was definitely working the same oddball over-the-top angles as Nicolas Cage. Imogen Poots (*That Awkward Moment*) was appealing enough as a British assistant of the car's owner who hitchhikes along with Paul for the nationwide ride. However, I couldn't help thinking how contrived the entire plot was. Then again, I suppose that shouldn't be surprising con-

sidering the story was culled from a video game — albeit a very successful video game.

RC: *Need for Speed* isn't *Downton Abbey*. It's a car crazy story where characters take a backseat to the action, but if you know what a *Two Lane Grasshopper* is, then you'll probably get a kick out of the driving scenes.

SG: This movie definitely isn't for graduates of Juilliard's drama program. It's for high-octane gearheads who want to stuff their faces with over-buttered popcorn and watch innocent bystanders and cops get taken out in the careless (cut cunningly choreographed) act of illegal street racing. It does a fine job there but I'm not sure I'll remember much else about *Need for Speed* by tomorrow morning.

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Kickstarter craze.

As the new Veronica Mars film hits theatres, opinions are mixed on the business of celebs asking fans to finance their projects

Rob Thomas knew he might make movie history by using Kickstarter to crowd-fund his Veronica Mars film. But he wasn't prepared for the posters.

Of all the prizes offered to donors of Veronica Mars — everything from a digital copy of the script for \$10 to a walk-on cameo for \$10,000 — the most taxing was autographing the cast-signed posters promised to more than 5,000 backers. It took several hand-cramping days and constant shuttling of boxes from one signee to the next.

"We've got our own poster handler who is in charge of getting them to us and



Veronica Mars opens today in theatres and is available on video-on-demand. CONTRIBUTED

getting them signed," Thomas said in a recent interview. "It's required, like, its own department."

But, he adds, "This movie would not exist if we had

not gone down this path."

It's been a year since Thomas sent shock waves through the movie industry by turning to the crowd-funding site Kickstarter to

help finance a movie based on his cultishly adored but short-lived high-school detective series. Today, the movie hits theatres and video-on-demand. As the

Who ponied up \$10,000?

- **Steven Dengler.** The 45-year-old Canadian entrepreneur and currency exchange site XE.com founder ended up playing a waiter in the film. But he also got to introduce a viral video with James Franco.

first high-profile celebrity project to drum up money on Kickstarter, Veronica Mars is a trailblazer, albeit one with a cloudy legacy.

Thomas has already been followed by projects by Zach Braff (to fund his second directorial effort) and Spike Lee (to raise cash for his latest "joint"). The land rush into a new avenue of funding (a major struggle for most filmmakers) has raised questions about the ethics of fan-based financing. (Contributors pay for different levels of rewards, but don't share in profits.)

Veronica Mars may have

introduced a democratic spirit to a green-lighting process usually controlled by film executives, but it has also opened a Pandora's box where, critics say, established insiders can take advantage of their loyal followings.

"It's a brilliant idea that's gotten out of hand," House of Cards producer Dana Brunetti recently said at a SXSW panel discussion. "It's wrong when people like Zach Braff or Spike Lee use that same service to fund their films when they already have access. I think it overshadows and takes away from the little guys who actually need the funding."

Thomas says he'd rather not be considered a poster boy for Kickstarter. "Every project has its own separate concerns," he says. Instead, he believes the choice is up to consumers.

"If it bothers you that Zach Braff probably has a lot of money from Scrubs," says Thomas, "then don't give to it."

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Mystery/Suspense



In Fear

Director. Jeremy Lovering

Stars. Iain De Caestecker, Alice Englert

In Fear is a tense psychological horror about a young couple's fight to make it through the night. Home invasion but in a car. In real-time. Tom (De Caestecker) and Lucy (Englert) are trapped in a maze of country roads with only their vehicle for protection, terrorized by an unseen tormentor hell-bent on exploiting their worst fears.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: 🍅 86% Audience: 🍅 50%

Action



300: Rise of an Empire

Director. Noam Murro

Stars. Sullivan Stapleton, Eva Green

Based on Frank Miller's latest graphic novel Xerxes and told in the breathtaking visual style of the blockbuster 300, this new chapter of the epic saga takes the action to a fresh battlefield-on the sea-as Greek general Themistokles (Sullivan Stapleton) attempts to unite all of Greece by leading the charge that will change the course of the war.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: 🍅 64% Audience: + 98%

Drama/Mystery/Comedy



Veronica Mars

Director. Rob Thomas

Stars. Kristen Bell, Ryan Hansen

On the eve of graduating law school, Veronica Mars has put Neptune and her amateur sleuthing days behind her. While interviewing at high-end New York law firms, Veronica Mars gets a call from her ex-boyfriend Logan, who has been accused of murder. Veronica heads back to Neptune just to help Logan find an attorney, but when things don't seem right, Veronica finds herself being pulled back into a life she thought she had left behind.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: 🍅 77% Audience: + 94%

Are you up for watching Shia in the buff?

Nymphomaniac.

One of Metro's intrepid reviewers checks out the latest from Lars von Trier and shares what he learned about sex

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By now many of you may have gotten wind of the latest "event" movie from Danish enfant terrible Lars von Trier, he of the malevolent mind bender *Antichrist*, the Björk-starring anti-musical *Dancer in the Dark* and the lush *Melancholia*.

When von Trier releases a film, the cinema world races around him in circles, debating furiously, cheering and jeering in equal measure. He knows this and clearly loves to push boundaries and buttons.

With his latest opus, the pornographic masterwork



Shia LaBeouf leaves nothing to the imagination in *Nymphomaniac*. CONTRIBUTED

Nymphomaniac, the filmmaker doesn't just push boundaries, he decimates them. The movie stars von Trier's muse, actress and pop star Charlotte Gainsbourg as Joe, a self-described sex addict whose lifelong free-fall into carnality has both liberated her and led her to lubricated ruin.

After dropping jaws all over Europe, the five-hour

Nymphomaniac opens in select Canadian markets next Friday, ready to shake our sensibilities with is cavalcade of extreme and explicit couplings. This writer was invited to the Toronto press screening last week, along with most of Hogtown's finest critics. It was an elephantine affair, beginning at 9 a.m. and climaxing at 2 p.m. and was indeed

an "event", complete with intermission to provide a breather from the non-stop emissions. The movie is, of course, more than just a star-studded sex film and is in fact, very edifying.

Here then, related in as family-friendly a fashion as possible, are five things I learned while stuffed into a sweaty cinema watching *Nymphomaniac*...

The version we're getting in Canada is cut

Before the screening, the publicist announced that Canada will indeed be getting the slightly truncated edit of *Nymphomaniac*, to which some critics sneered. "Don't worry," the smirking PR assured, "you'll still get plenty of 'stuff' to look at."

Sex is like fly fishing

The framework of *Nymphomaniac* consists of a battered Joe relating her salacious life story to a kindly bachelor (played by von Trier regular Stellan Skarsgård) who convincingly draws every one of her penetrating anecdotes back to the art of fly-fishing, complete with beautifully shot footage of the hobby sport.

Shia LaBeouf has nothing to hide

He may be marauding around Hollywood with a bag on his head, but troubled *Nymphomaniac* co-star LaBeouf leaves no other part of his anatomy to the

imagination here, dressed as he is in nothing more than a smile for half the film's running time.

Mini-muffins taste great post coitus

During the intermission between *Nymphomaniac* Part One and Part Two, the publicist treated us wobbly-kneed critics to a spread of mini-muffins, juice and coffee. It was odd discussing LaBeouf's beef and Gainsbourg's fluid performance while huffing down bran, but it was all part of the experience.

The silent duck

Unfortunately, I cannot elaborate on this plot-point, the revelation of which stretches more than the imagination. To learn more, you'll just have to see the film.

And I heartily suggest you do see the film. Because the beauty of *Nymphomaniac* and all of von Trier's work is that hidden inside its outrageous exterior is something profound, poetic and deeply human.



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Here we are still, entertain us

20 years later. New book examines the lasting legacy of Kurt Cobain and Nirvana



ALAN CROSS
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On the afternoon of April 8, 1994, news came that a body had been found in a greenhouse behind 171 Lake Washington Blvd. E. in Seattle. The victim had died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

Twenty years later, we're still fascinated by Kurt Cobain, his music and his legacy. Charles R. Cross, author of the Cobain biography *Heavier Than Heaven*, tries to explain why Kurt and Nirvana still matter with a new book, *Here We Are Now: The Lasting Impact of Kurt Cobain*.

If you were there, you know why Kurt matters. But if you weren't...

It's been two decades, so virtually almost everyone in college today wasn't alive when Kurt was a current artist. So the debate does spring up. Why does Nirvana matter? Who was Kurt? And what is it about this music that is significant in our cultural history? That's what I attempt to tackle in this new book.

Nevermind

"You wonder how many people who bought that record started a band because there's so much of the sound of Nirvana that you can hear in the groups that followed."

Charles R. Cross, author of *Here We Are Now: The Lasting Impact of Kurt Cobain* on the influence of Nirvana's *Nevermind*

So how do we not sound like that grumpy old guy who's always yelling at us to get off his lawn?

Well, you DO sound old! But I think there's a great nostalgia for that era. Rarely am I at a show where I feel that the whole axis of the universe is tilting. And that's the way it felt with a lot of these Seattle bands in the late '80s and early '90s. The music these men created has ramifications that are being felt today.

To look at the impact of just *Nevermind* — an album that has sold somewhere north of 30 million copies — it is truly extraordinary.

You wonder how many people who bought that record started a band because there's so much of the sound of Nirvana that you can hear in the groups that followed.

And we can't just stop with music, can we?

One of the things that I

discovered is that grunge is now a term within fashion. If you go to nordstrom.com and type in grunge, you'll find maybe a hundred items for sale. The word has had a longer life in the fashion industry than in the music industry.

Will there ever be another Kurt?

There was something about Kurt's star charisma that we haven't seen in music

— and in that way, he was like John Lennon, Bono and Bruce Springsteen. That's why I think Kurt's music stands above all others in the last 20 or so years.

Details

Here We Are Now: The Lasting Impact of Kurt Cobain will be out March 18 through HarperCollins.



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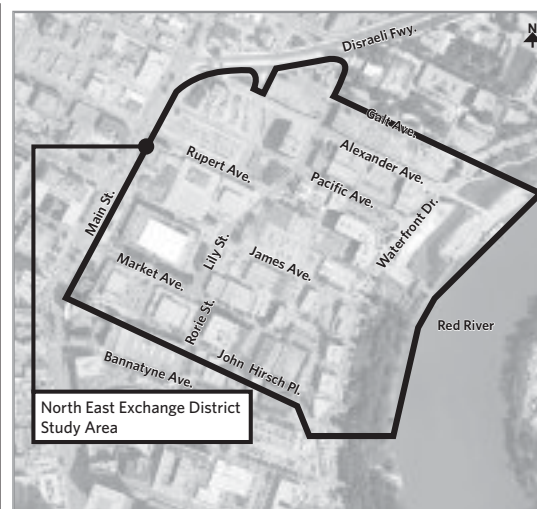
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Arthur Chu



Mad king of Jeopardy! finally off the throne

Arthur Chu, who won big money while taking heat for his renegade style, finished in third place with zero dollars on Wednesday's edition of the quiz show *Jeopardy!*

He had reigned for 12 days. His total winnings were \$297,200 US. Chu was unseated by Diana Pelouquin of Ann Arbor, Mich., who led for the day with \$15,700. Chu ditched the time-honoured practice of polishing off each category's questions one by one. Instead, he took a hopscotch approach to his category choices, which tended to keep his opponents off-kilter.

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Skrillex's new album *Recess* is currently streaming on his free iPhone and Android app, *Alien Ride*. CONTRIBUTED

Prince of dubstep gets playful on Recess

Skrillex has dropped a surprise on the Internet this week, a full-length album featuring big-name collaborations and refreshing twists on the dubstep beat.

American electronic music producer Sonny Moore, 26, has become one of the best-known names in the dubstep genre since he first started releasing tracks on his Myspace page under the name Skrillex in 2010.

Since then, both he and the

genre have gained a lot of name recognition. Skrillex has picked up six Grammy Awards, and dubstep's distinctive noise has percolated into mainstream pop and dance radio hits.

Despite the success, Skrillex hadn't actually released a full album. That changed Tuesday, when, with little fanfare, tracks from his debut release *Recess* began to stream on his free app *Alien Ride* for iPhone and Android.

At first listen, the standout

tracks are those where Skrillex teams up with high-profile collaborators including Chance the Rapper, Diplo and Passion Pit vocalist Michael Angelakos.

The eponymous and instantly danceable *Recess* blends the talents of Angelakos, Kill The Noise and Fatman Scoop into a bouncy, high-energy piece that's easy to leave on repeat.

Vocal harmonies and brass backup add much-needed variety and texture to the album.

It's probably best not to

think too hard about Skrillex — if the music works for you, the appeal is visceral, and if it doesn't, no amount of critical analysis will change that.

Skrillex has explained his music shouldn't be taken too seriously. "At the end of the day it's DANCE music," Skrillex wrote in an interview on social news site Reddit a few days before *Recess* debuted.

"Dancing is supposed to be fun ... it's not politics."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Andrea Martin is Working the Engels

In the brood. Show's family dynamic carries over off-screen as star nurtures cast, works with old SCTV pals

It seems Andrea Martin's role as an irrepressibly madcap matriarch on *Working the Engels* also extends behind the scenes.

The decorated 67-year-old SCTV comedian is seated next to her new co-star Kacey Rohl, and the discussion shifts to the third episode of the new Global series, which debuted Wednesday night.

It's an instalment that features bits of physical comedy both from Martin — who gyrates her way through a hip-hop dance routine — and Rohl, whose character awkwardly navigates a stripper pole.

Here, Martin grabs hold of the conversation. "I can't believe I haven't talked to you about that, by the way," said Martin, turning to her co-star. "That is such amazing physical comedy you do on that pole."

It was shot beautifully. It was so funny, really — the whole episode should be about that."

Of course, nurturing nature aside, the seemingly down-to-earth Martin doesn't share much in common with her unhinged, self-obsessed Engels counterpart, whose dysfunctional, heavily indebted brood of three children is forced to band together to save the family's law firm when her husband suddenly dies.

Azura Skye plays divorced, recovering pill-popper Sandy, Benjamin Arthur portrays ex-con ne'er-do-well brother Jimmy while Rohl is the put-upon family fulcrum — and the only one with a law degree.

An impressive lineup of guest stars have already filmed appearances, a number that includes Colin Mochrie, Kids in the Hall veteran Scott Thompson, Argo actor Victor Garber and Martin's old SCTV pals Martin Short and Eugene Levy.

In the case of those last two, Martin says the bond she still shares with her old comedic collaborators allows for a comfortable chemistry.



Andrea Martin as Ceil Engel, second from right, in *Working the Engels*, with former SCTV cast mate Eugene Levy. SHAW MEDIA

"We talk three or four times a week, all of us," she said. "It just felt like an extension of being in somebody's living room, except there were cameras."

"We both have the same work ethic, Marty and I do."

We all come from the same training, so we're up to improv any time, but both of us are perfectionists. We're very methodical about getting the scene so it's right and making sense and then being silly."

Skye, meanwhile, shrugs

away Martin's modesty and says it's "solely a testament" to the screen and stage actress that such marquee guests would support a show that "hasn't even aired yet."

Indeed, it's Martin who receives the greatest share of

Praise from co-star

"When we showed up on set, she created this nice ease and simplicity to everything."

Co-star Benjamin Arthur

her co-stars' unsolicited, unqualified praise.

"When we showed up on set, she created this nice ease and simplicity to everything," said Arthur, before he and Skye commiserated on occasionally worrying that their performances were too broad.

"There definitely have been a couple times (where I've thought) 'Are we crossing the line into the absurd? Are we slipping on banana peels?'" Skye said. "But it seems to be rooted in something very grounded and very real, and once again that is Andrea. You watch her stuff and it's very much like that."

"It is on the hilarity end of the spectrum but at the same time it comes from a very real, very truthful, organic place."

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3 songs for the weekend



SOUND CHECK
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Fall Out Boy, Tommy2Stix and a Game of Thrones mixtape



Cripple Flow/ Tommy2Stix

Tomas may suffer from a rare form of muscular dystrophy, but he's not letting that get in the way of a music career. You need to see the video to get the full effect of Tomas' "motivational cripple" approach to life.

Rat a Tat feat. Courtney Love/ Fall Out Boy

The ninth video from FOB's Save Rock and Roll features Courtney as an evil dictator. Two more videos to go and FOB will have completed their Young Blood Chronicles mini-movie.



Mother of Dragons/ Big Boi

In an attempt to broaden the cultural appeal of Game of Thrones, HBO commissioned a mixtape. It works better than you might think.

Box-office bonanza

Stars set to spring into action on Broadway

It's going to be an abnormally hot spring — on Broadway, at least. This season is so laden with stars it's practically galactic. Not only are several powerhouse thespians taking centre stage, but so are a smattering of popular personalities from film and TV. Veterans of the Great White Way include Neil Patrick Harris in the highly anticipated Broadway premiere of Hedwig and the Angry Inch and Idina Menzel in new musical If/Then.

Their peers, who may be more recognizable in 2-D, take on mostly straight plays. Bryan Cranston (Breaking Bad) leads as President Johnson in All the Way. There's also James Franco tackling the literary classic Of Mice and Men and Daniel Radcliffe (Harry Potter) is back — following Equus and How to Succeed in Business — in The Cripple of Inishman.

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Kirsten Dunst ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Someone's not happy to see Dunst and Hedlund's relationship in full Bloom

Things are getting serious between Kirsten Dunst and longtime boyfriend Garrett Hedlund — and that's apparently a problem for Orlando Bloom, who briefly dated his Elizabethtown co-star. "Kirsten wants to marry Garrett, and she was shocked when Orlando reached out to her and ripped Garrett apart for his hard-partying, bad boy ways," a source tells Radar Online. "Orlando was basically acting like a jealous boyfriend even though he hasn't been involved with Kirsten for years, and Kirsten called him out on it." Dunst and Hedlund met while filming On the Road and have been dating steadily since 2012. "Kirsten's pals believe

she's found a real soul mate in Garrett, and her work and outlook on life have improved dramatically since they've been together," the source says. "They wonder why Orlando is trying to spoil her good time." Those pals do at least have some theories, though: "Orlando is in a bad place in his career and has seen roles that he wanted slip away to hunky younger actors like Garrett," the source offers. "Orlando's meddling, catty behaviour with Kirsten and Garrett is likely to continue until he has another lucky streak in his career. But Kirsten isn't letting anyone get between her and Garrett, least of all Orlando. She hopes to walk down the aisle with him."

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Woodley got the OK from Lawrence for Divergent role

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

In any career, it's best to find yourself a mentor when you're just starting out — someone who's been where you are and can advise you.

However, if that career is "starring in a blockbuster trilogy based on bestselling books about a brave young girl thrust into a world of dystopian violence," your mentorship options are limited. To, oh, one other person.

Divergent star Shailene Woodley didn't let that stop her — she reached out to her young-adult-adaptation forebear, Jennifer Lawrence, before agreeing to star in Divergent. "I asked Jennifer Lawrence, 'Are you happy with your choice to take on The Hunger Games?'" Woodley revealed to Teen Vogue. "And she said she wouldn't change it for the world. She told me, 'There are some things — don't make a sex tape, don't do drugs, don't do things in public — that you wouldn't want other people judging you for. But this is the best deci-



sion you'll ever make."

That kind of sounds like Shailene Woodley also asked Jennifer Lawrence for advice on whether to make a sex tape. I'm glad Jennifer said "Nope." It sounds like Shailene has been very discreet, though: She says she's never hooked up on set. After the shoot wrapped, though? That's different. "Well, that might have happened on something...." she said.



Robin Thicke

Robin plays good father as cancelled shows mount up

Robin Thicke took some time out from his tour over the weekend and flew to Vancouver to spend time with estranged wife Paula Patton and their son, Julian, according to E! News. The recently separated pair seemed in good spirits, laughing together as Julian played at a playground. But maybe the trip didn't go as well as Thicke hoped

it would, as he went on to cancel yet another show — this one at Ontario's Casino Rama — due to "unforeseen vocal issues," something that's plagued his tour since his split from Patton was announced. But he seemed fine Monday night in Los Angeles, celebrating his 37th birthday alongside Leonardo DiCaprio and a number of male pals.

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Even though St. Patrick's Day isn't until Monday, I'm betting many of you will get the party started tonight and sashay your shillelagh into next week.

Since a quarter of Peter Rockwell comes from the Emerald Isle, I like a pint of green beer as much as the

next semi-Irish guy. What the day really brings home to me is the volume of classic booze brands that call Ireland home.

Think Jameson whiskey, Baileys Irish Cream liqueur and, for the beer fans, Murphy's, Harp, and, of course, Guinness. All from a country that's just slightly larger than

the province of New Brunswick. While you could choose any one of those (or a combo of a few) to toast St. Paddy, the real mover and shaker in Ireland is cider. No longer a simple summer sipper; the cider category has become a force to be reckoned with.

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- 12 round gow gee wrappers
- 50 g butter, melted
- 1/3 cup (75 g) caster (superfine) sugar
- 1/2 cup (160 g) strawberry jam
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) single (pouring) cream, whipped
- raspberries or strawberries, to serve

Preheat oven to 180 C (350 F). Brush the wrappers with butter and sprinkle lightly with sugar. Place in shallow patty tins, buttered-side up, and bake for 6 minutes or until golden. Cool in tin. Fill the tart shells with jam and whipped cream and top with raspberries or a slice of strawberry to serve.

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FLASH FOOD



From your fridge to your table in 30 minutes or less

1. Place the ginger, lime leaves, lemongrass and chili in the bowl of a small food processor and process until finely chopped.

2. Heat a frying pan over medium-high heat. Add the oil and the lime leaf mixture and cook, stirring, for 4 minutes or until fragrant.

3. Add the chicken and cook for 1 minute each side. Add the coconut milk and fish sauce

and simmer the chicken for 7 minutes each side or until chicken is tender.

4. Stir through the spinach and serve with steamed rice and coriander leaves.

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Ingredients

- 6 large slices ginger
- 6 kaffir lime leaves
- 4 stalks lemongrass, white part only, trimmed
- 1 long red chili, trimmed
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 4 x 125 g chicken thigh fillets, halved
- 1 1/2 cups (375ml) coconut milk
- 1 tbsp fish sauce
- 80 g baby spinach leaves
- steamed rice, to serve
- coriander (cilantro) leaves, to serve

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3 HOURS

Make a bedroom you want to lie in

Snooze control. Create a cocoon that's perfect for you with designer tips on breaking the usual decorating rules

We're told a well-designed master bedroom should be an oasis of romantic calm. It's also supposed to be the practical place where you store clothing and get a good night's sleep, and it may also be where you watch television, pay bills and even set up a home office.

That's a lot to ask of a single room.

On the bright side, says interior designer Brian Patrick Flynn, you have plenty of decorating freedom. "Since bedrooms are all about self-expression and comforts," he says, "you can break the rules as much as you want."

We've asked Flynn, founder of Flynnside Out Productions, and two other design experts — Betsy Burnham of Burnham Design and Molly Luetkemeyer of M. Design Interiors — for tips on breaking those rules with style to create the ultimate master bedroom.

Only the calmest colours

Forget trendy shades or your favourite bright colours. Burnham advises sticking to a

soothing palette of ivory and white, evoking a luxury hotel room. "You can layer colour into that if you want to," she says.

If your idea of peace and quiet involves deeper colours, Flynn suggests navy blues or black-brown tones.

And if you really want bolder colour or patterns, Luetkemeyer recommends using a single pattern throughout your bedroom. This "en suite" look involves using the same fabric for curtains and bedspread, and even covering the walls in the same pattern.

"Even a busy pattern won't feel too chaotic if you're consistent" in using it throughout the room, she says.

Big beds in small rooms

Think your medium-size or small bedroom can't handle a gorgeous four-poster bed? Burnham says a bed like that can serve as "a statement piece" that brings lots of style. It actually frees up space, because you won't need any extra decorative pieces of furniture for pizzazz.

Flynn agrees, as long as the bedroom isn't extremely small and the nightstands are in proportion. One of his pet peeves is a large bed flanked by tiny tables, which can make the tables look like they belong in a dollhouse.



Designer Brian Patrick Flynn layered his windows with black-out shades from Texton and custom drapery panels lined with blackout liner in his own bedroom in Los Angeles, to help control noise from busy, nightlife-centric Sunset Boulevard and light from the bright California sun. ZEKE RUELAS/BRIAN PATRICK FLYNN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Soften everything

These designers are seeing a trend toward upholstered beds and headboards, and even upholstery fabric used on walls.

"It's this idea that you're being completely cocooned and buffered from the world," Luetkemeyer says. For some clients, she has also upholstered the inside of armoires or other storage pieces to create a complete sense of softness.

With softness in mind, Flynn suggests using more than one layer of window treatment: "I usually layer black-out shades with custom, pleated drapery panels," he says. "This softens the hard edges of the room, helps with noise control and also allows the homeowner to sleep in as late as they want."

If you're worried that all that softness will make the room too feminine, Burnham suggests adding just a few sharper, cleaner lines for balance. Choose sleek, mid-century vintage lamps to place on either side of an upholstered bed. Or opt for a dresser with simple, clean lines rather than a piece that's ornate and curvy.

Banish electronics

It may sound radical, but Luetkemeyer hears from clients now that they're ready to remove the TV and all gadgets from their bedrooms. "People are saying, 'I'm in such overload all day long, and I'm reachable within an inch of myself. I want to have one place where it's really mine.'"

Burnham sees the be-

ginnings of a similar trend, though for many people the habit of checking email in bed or watching TV before they go to sleep is a hard one to kick.

If you have a desk in your bedroom, consider relocating it. And try plugging in your phone and other gadgets somewhere else in your home at night so you won't be tempted to check them.

Skip nightstands

Flynn suggests using 30-inch-tall dressers or chests instead of traditional nightstands: "I'll hit up flea markets and find two different chests with very similar proportions," he says, using these less expensive pieces to flank a more expensive custom headboard or platform bed.

Luetkemeyer agrees that

closed storage at bedside is a wise move for most people. It keeps necessities handy, but hides clutter to make your sleeping area look organized even when it isn't.

Pendants and sconces instead of table lamps

Chandeliers are often used in dining rooms and entryways to add glamour and drama. Flynn's tip? They "work just as well in bedrooms."

"I often install pendant lights over nightstands instead of using table lamps," he says, "especially if the headboard is tall and dramatic. Whenever possible, I try to use sculptural pendants which introduce interesting shapes to the room and I always, 100 per cent of the time, install them on dimmers." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Baseball

Steve Schuster named new voice of the Goldeyes

The Winnipeg Goldeyes have a new voice.

American Association broadcaster Steve Schuster has been named the new "Voice of the Goldeyes," replacing longtime broadcaster Paul Edmonds, who left earlier this year.

"We are extremely pleased to find someone of Steve's calibre, experience and knowledge of the American Association to be the new Voice of the Winnipeg Goldeyes," said Goldeyes GM Andrew Collier in a press release.

"We owe it to our fans to have one of the best broadcasters in independent professional baseball. Steve certainly fits that requirement. I am convinced our fans will enjoy his call on Goldeyes radio broadcasts for years to come."

Schuster leaves behind the Wichita Wingnuts, where he was their director of broadcasting and media relations for the past six years. **METRO**



Steve Schuster
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Jets keeping calm and carrying on

Playoff push. Final wild-card position still in sight for Winnipeg even with recent woes

The struggling Winnipeg Jets say they aren't in panic mode even as their playoff hopes appear to be slowly slipping away.

"If this is rock bottom, there certainly isn't any reason to go jump off a cliff," right-winger Blake Wheeler said Thursday as the Jets prepared to face the New York Rangers (35-27-4) Friday night. "I think our game's better than the results have been."

The Jets (30-28-9) haven't won a game since March 1, although they've also only lost two in regulation time.

They've lost two more in overtime and one in a shootout, 3-2 Wednesday night to the Vancouver Canucks, who gained a point on the Jets in their conference race as a result. The Jets led twice but couldn't put the game away.

"We're playing well, obviously not well enough to win right now," said defence-man Mark Stuart. "We're not getting the results but we are doing good things."

The Dallas Stars were holding the final wild-card spot in the West with 74 points before



Canucks goaltender Eddie Lack stops a shot from the Jets' Andrew Ladd during a shootout at MTS centre on Wednesday night. The Canucks went on to defeat the Jets 3-2. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

the start of Thursday's games, just five more than the Jets.

But Winnipeg has a string of tough games to close out the regular season. They face the Stars on Sunday followed by the NHL-leading St. Louis Blues and Colorado Avalanche, who hold down second spot in the Western Conference.

In fact, of the teams they

The final stretch

15

The number of regular-season games the Jets have remaining on their schedule.

face in those remaining 15 games, only the Carolina Hurricanes and Calgary Flames

currently have fewer points than the Jets.

Head coach Paul Maurice said he remains focused on ensuring the fundamentals are in place.

"I want to make the playoffs as bad as everybody does but that doesn't change the place we are three years from now, five years from now."

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Shut out in Sochi

Paralympics. Canada overpowered by U.S. in sledge hockey semi



Declan Farmer celebrates after scoring a goal against Canada.
PAVEL GOLOVKIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

There won't be a hockey sweep in Sochi.

Declan Farmer had two goals and an assist Thursday as the United States defeated Canada 3-0 in the sledge hockey semifinals at the Paralympic Winter Games.

It's a bitter pill to swallow for the Canadians, who were trying to become the first country to win the men's, women's and sledge hockey tournaments at an Olympic and Paralympic Games.

"We were tight. There's no secret that we weren't making crisp, on-the-tape passes, and that hurt us. At the same time, we had our chances," said Canadian captain Greg Westlake.

"It seemed like we'd have this 10-bell chance at their end and then they'd come back and the puck would end up in our net."

Joshua Pauls added a goal

and an assist for the U.S., while Steve Cash made 11 saves to get the shutout.

The Americans will face Russia in Saturday's gold-medal game at Shayba Arena after the hosts defeated Norway 4-0 in Thursday's other semifinal.

Corbin Watson stopped seven shots for Canada, which will play Norway for bronze on Saturday.

Gold medallists in 2006,

Canada was also looking to avenge a disappointing fourth-place finish on home soil in Vancouver in 2010 and was perfect through three round-robin games, outscoring the opposition 15-1.

But on a night where nothing seemed to go their way, the Canadians failed to convert numerous chances in front of Cash, a trend that started in their 1-0 victory over the Czech Republic on Tuesday.

The Americans will play for gold for a second straight Paralympics after winning the tournament four years ago.

The U.S. was upset by Russia 2-1 in their final group game here to set up the semifinal against their bitter rivals.

Canada came in having won the 2013 world championship and world sledge hockey challenge — with both victories coming over the U.S. — but lost two of three exhibition meetings with the Americans in the lead-up to the Paralympics.

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Aries

March 21 - April 20

Because Mars, your ruler, is on good form today, something will happen that has you jumping for joy. Make plans for your professional future but leave yourself some wiggle room in case you want to change your mind.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Use your imagination today. This is a great time for trying new things, especially on the work front where, if you show you are able to adapt quickly to changing circumstances, you could be promoted.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Your mind may be full of ideas but for best results you need to focus on the things that will be of most benefit to you. No matter how many ideas you have your energy is limited.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Let the world know what you are thinking. Some important people will be listening to what you have to say today and if they like what they hear it won't be long before the offers start coming in.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Are you promising more than you can deliver? Maybe, but your confidence is so high at the moment that the thought of failure does not cross your mind, which in turn makes success more likely.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You will be tempted to take a risk today and because your ruler Mercury is nicely linked to Mars, planet of action and energy, you may well pull it off.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

If you feel the need to brag about your success, go ahead. It's not often you make noise about how well you've done, so once in a while it's OK.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

This is a good day to take care of the little things that need doing at home and at work. Don't set yourself any grand targets, just get the small stuff done and leave the grand design to sort itself out.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You have so many options available to you now that it may be hard to know where to start. For best results you should spend as much time as possible in social situations.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

If someone tries to pressure you into doing something you don't approve of today, you must turn them down flat. Yes, you may owe them for favours but conscience comes first.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

With Mercury in your sign linked to Mars your mind will move fast, so fast in fact that it may take a while for the rest of you to catch up! Be careful you don't exhaust yourself — something that can happen to your mind and your body.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

There are signs that something you have dreamed of for months is getting closer and very soon will be your reality. Remember: the more you believe that you deserve success the quicker success is likely to arrive. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

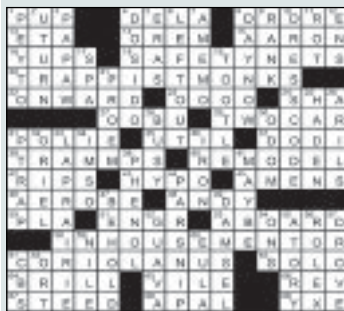
1. "Simply ___ - lous!" (Woonderful!)
5. Bean type
9. ___ Bay, Nova Scotia
14. Pres. Lincoln's
15. In the blink ___ eye: 2 wds.
16. Part-Canadian band, The ___ Spoonful
17. Montreal's Rue Sainte-___
19. ___ (Gasket)
20. Our national thoroughfare [acronym]
21. Canadian-invented tool, Robertson ___
23. Music style
24. Golfing needs
25. German article
26. Nopes
28. Eva and Zsa Zsa Gabor's older sister
31. Trimmings tape
33. Nero's 902
36. 'Quiet' add-on
38. Canadian actor Alan Thicke co-wrote the theme song (with Al Burton and #9-10-Down) to what sitcom? ...and there's another at #1-Down! 2 wds.
42. R-through-V connection
43. Jacket parts
44. Mr. Wilson, and others
45. Catapulted
48. Not at all, ___



Down

4. Work the aisles, in slang
5. Canadian ___ (Military)
6. Blazing
7. Barn toppers
8. Again
9. With #10-Down... Robin Thicke's singer/songwriter/actress mom
10. #9-Down's surname
11. Tel ___
12. French film
13. Tech sch. grad
18. Screen legend Ms. Williams
22. Resign
27. TV alien
29. Prince Andrew's title: 3 wds.
30. Yemeni port
31. Picks out a suspect
32. Trivial things to pick
33. Train co. headquartered in Montreal
34. Famous TV monogram
35. Mag. edition
37. Slithering snake's shape
39. High wave
40. Palace people
41. Possess
46. Like an ajar door
47. Pad-in-hand observers
48. Anne ___, Queen executed in 1536
50. Li'l comics guy
51. American candy maker of Canada
53. Variant-spelled hawk's nest
54. Suns
55. Kitchen cabinet opener
56. Taunt
57. Desktop symbol
58. Spaceflight gr.
62. Dallas, ___

Yesterday's Crossword

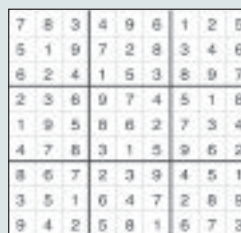


Sudoku

How to play

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Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

TODAY



MAX: -6°
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SATURDAY



MAX: -12°
MIN: -20°

SUNDAY



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MIN: -7°

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